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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
Washington 25, D. C.

January 26, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT: PSB D-44, Coordinated Information Program for the Far East

The OCB Working Group concerned itself primarily with problems of coordination and intensification of the information program in the Far East. In the light of its findings and particularly Mr. Streibert's recommendations following his trip through the area, the working group submits the following conclusions and recommendations:

1. In general, inter-agency coordination in information programs and activities in the Far East is adequate and is functioning satisfactorily.

2. Available facilities are being utilized satisfactorily. In the case of recently created facilities planning is actively underway to increase utilization.

3. The expansion of USIA programs in [redacted] and the [redacted] reductions in the [redacted] and revisions in [redacted] correspond with the priorities established for the general area by recent NSC decisions.

4. Continuance of psychological warfare programs in [redacted] with inter-agency coordination is essential.

5. The working group recommends to the OCB that PSB D-44 be cancelled and that the working group be dissolved. It further recommends that any continuing or future problems of coordination be assigned to other working groups or directly to agencies having responsibility for a given sector of the Far East or a particular subject matter. The following subjects should be assigned to other working groups or agencies as indicated:

a. Technical aspects of international broadcasting - TPIB

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b. Operations on [redacted] operations directed to Communist China and overseas Chinese - Working Group on NSC 146/2 and NSC 166/1

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c. Operations in [redacted] - Working Group on NSC 171/1

d. Operations in Southeast Asia (except Indonesia) - Working Group or Groups assigned responsibility in accordance with NSC 5405 and PSB D-23.

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e. Operations in [redacted] including coordination of psychological warfare activities - Working Group on NSC 125/2 and NSC 125/6.

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f. Operations in [redacted] - Working Group on NSC 170/1.

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g. Continued reprogramming of information activities including [redacted] radio transmitters - USIA and other agencies as required.

h. Coordination of information activities undertaken by FOA and USIA - the two agencies primarily concerned.

i. Improvement of utilization of information policy guidances (infoguides) - Agencies in direct consultation with USIA.

The annex sets forth in greater detail the group's findings in the several parts of the over-all question assigned to it by the OCB.

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